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Department of Revenue Earns 15th-Straight Clean Audit

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 6, 2007 — The Department of Revenue, which processed nearly \$18 billion in state and local tax revenue in the past fiscal year, has earned its 15th-straight clean audit from the Washington State Auditor.

State Auditor Brian Sonntag congratulated Revenue Director Cindi Holmstrom for what he called a “significant achievement.”

“Your outstanding record is indicative of management’s interest in full compliance with all laws and regulations,” Sonntag said.

Sonntag said he appreciated the cooperation and assistance provided by Revenue staff as his auditors examined the agency’s extensive operations, which include collecting and processing taxes and enforcing state tax laws.

“A willingness to work in partnership with our auditors to address any potential weakness or compliance problems is always beneficial,” he said.

Holmstrom agreed that the collaborative environment established during the lengthy annual review helps the agency fine tune its operations.

“I appreciate how well we worked together to resolve the issues that always surface during an audit, and how those discussions led to further improvements in how we manage our tax system,” Holmstrom said. “That’s the real value of an audit like this.”

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